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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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: ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN

(Based on PCT/DE00/00276)

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FOR: OPTIMIZED BUS CONNECTION:

FOR MANAGING BUS TRANSACTIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the title on page 1, line 1 with the following:

---OPTIMISED BUS CONNECTION FOR MANAGING BUS TRANSACTIONS---

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-4 without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 5-12 as follows:

5. (New) An optimized bus connection for acceptance of bus transactions, provided with a first store operating according to a FIFO principle, in which transaction processes